

To the Members of the California Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1286 without my signature.

I commend the author for attempting to establish a state governance structure to address cross border air quality issues on the California Mexican border. However, the functions of the bills proposed council would be duplicative of ongoing efforts by the U.S. Mexico Air Policy Forum and the Imperial Valley-Mexicali and San Diego-Tijuana air quality task forces established under the Border 2012 Program. The proposed council could dilute the efforts of the current workgroups. It may even prove difficult to rally support for another border air quality coordinating group. Additionally, this bill would have significant general fund costs in order to fulfill its requirements.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger